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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF US-INDONESIAN LOS NEGOTIATIONS

REF : JAKARTA 4178

1. INDONESIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN RELATIVELY LITTLE COVERAGE TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED US-INDONESIAN BILATERAL TALKS ON LOS. ONLY TWO DAILIES (ALBEIT THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES), KOMPAS AND SINAR HARAPAN, HAVE PUBLISHED ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE JOINT STATEMENT (REF). EVEN THOSE TWO WENT LITTLE BEYOND THE JOINT STATEMENT AND THE GENERAL COMMENTS OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IN HIS-PRE-DEPARTURE NEWS CONFERENCE.

2. THE KOMPAS ACCOUNT, GENERALLY, WAS MORE POSITIVE, HIGHLIGHTING AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S CHARACTERIZATION OF THE TALKS AS A "VERY IMPORTANT STEP" AND "A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ATTAINMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA." SINAR HARAPAN, IN CONTRAST, STRESSED THAT THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS, BOTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT  
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AND PRESS CONFERENCE, "REVEALED LITTLE OF THE TALKS" AND IMPLIED THAT NOT MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED. BOTH PAPERS PIN-POINTED THE TRANSIT PASSAGE ISSUE AS THE FOCUS OF THE DISCUSSIONS, WITH KOMPAS QUOTING AN "OBSERVE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TALKS" AS SAYING SOME "COMPROMISE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED," WHILE SINAR HARAPAN'S SOURCE MORE CAUTIOUSLY STATED ONLY THAT "THERE IS CURRENTLY AN APPROACH TO

UNDERSTANDING IN THE FORM OF A COMPROMISE BETWEEN 'FREE  
PASSAGE' AND 'INNOCENT PASSAGE,' NAMELY 'TRANSIT PASSAGE.'"  
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